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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NETHERLAND'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER
TO TANZANIA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 0686 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: DURING VISIT TO TANZANIA, DUTCH MINISTER FOR DEV-
ELOPMENT COOPERATION SAID (A) NETHERLANDS EXPECTS TO MAKE
AVAILABLE 1.2 PERCENT OF ITS GNP FOR FOREIGN AID BY 1976; (B)
WILL PROVIDE 4-5 MILLION DOLLARS TO AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS,
ALMOST ENTIRELY CONFINED TO GROUPS OPERATING IN PORTUGUESE
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TERRITORIES, IN CALENDAR YEAR 1974; AND (C) IS WORKING TO GET

PORTUGAL OUT OF AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE, PRIME MINISTER KAWAWA, FOREIGN MIN. MALECELA, FINANCE MINISTER OSUYA, AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES MINISTER JAMAL DURING HIS FIVE-DAY VISIT TO TANZANIA, NETHERLANDS MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, J.P. PRONK, HELD REVEALING NEWS CONFERENCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE MARCH 6. HE MADE COMMENTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST ON (A) DUTCH ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (B) ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS; AND (C) POLICY TOWARDS PORTUGAL AND HER AFRICAN TERRITORIES. HIGHLIGHTS OF NEWS CONFERENCE FOLLOW:

3. FOREIGN AID: BECAUSE IT IS SMALL COUNTRY, NETHERLANDS HAS POLICY OF CONCENTRATING AID IN HANDFUL OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PRESENTLY, NETHERLANDS IS MAKING AVAILABLE .7 PERCENT OF ITS GNP FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. BY 1976 FOREIGN AID WILL REACH 1.2 PERCENT OF GNP. TANZANIA FITS DUTCH CRITERIA FOR AID AND IS ONE OF CONCENTRATION COUNTRIES. DUTCH AID TO TANZANIA NOW TOTALS 6-7 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR AND SUM IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN COMING YEARS. PRONK SAID ALTHOUGH TANZANIA WILL RECEIVE HIGHER PRIORITY IN FUTURE, PROGRAMS IN COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA AND BANGLADESH WILL CONTINUE TO BE LARGER.

4. LIBERATION GROUPS: DURING VISIT PRONK HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT (FRELIMO), POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (MPLA), AND AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE (ALC). PRIOR TO ARRIVAL HE HELD TALKS WITH GUINEA-BISSAU REPS. IN HOLLAND. IN CALENDAR YEAR 1973 NETHERLANDS PROVIDED ONLY 200,000 DOLLARS FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION, ALL OF IT TO MOZAMBIQUE INSTITUTE, EDUCATIONAL ARM OF FRELIMO. DUTCH BUDGET FOR CALENDAR 1974 CONTAINS ALLOCATION FOR 4-5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR LIBERATION GROUPS. BREAKDOWN FOR VARIOUS GROUPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS. PRONK EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT MONEY WILL BE USED FOR HUMANITARIAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RECONSTRUCTION PURPOSES

"TO BENEFIT PEOPLE LIVING IN LIBERATED AREAS". CONSEQUENTLY, PRACTICALLY ALL OF ASSISTANCE WILL GO TO THREE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES WHERE THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING IN "LIBERATED AREAS". NOT SURPRISINGLY, SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS WERE NOT MENTIONED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRONK NOTED THIS AID WILL BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY BY DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO VARIOUS LIBERATION GROUPS. HE ALSO RULED OUT PROVISION OF MILITARY AID.

5. POLICY TOWARDS PORTUGAL: WHEN ASKED WHAT NETHERLANDS IS DOING TO GET PORTUGAL OUT OF AFRICA, PRONK SAID HIS COUNTRY IS ENGAGED IN 4-STAGE PROGRAM. FIRST TWO STAGES HAVE ALREADY BEEN STARTED WHILE LAST TWO ARE STILL ON DRAWING BOARDS: (A) WE HAVE

BEGUN TALKS WITH FELLOW "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY SCANDINAVIAN NATIONS, AIMED AT BRINGING PRESSURE AGAINST PORTUGAL; (B) WITHIN CONTEXT OF EEC, WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES; (C) WE HOPE TO COMBINE THESE EFFORTS WITH DISCUSSIONS AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; AND (D) WE MUST DISCUSS SITUATION WITH US WHICH HE EARLIER DESCRIBED AS "VERY FRIENDLY PARTNER OF PORTUGAL". HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ON POSSIBLE CHANGES OF POLICY BY WEST EUROPEANS. SAID SERIOUS DISCUSSION IS GOING ON IN WEST GERMANY. FRANCE IS LESS SYMPATHETIC WITH PORTUGAL NOW. NEW GOVERNMENT IN UK MAY BRING ABOUT CHANGE IN POLICY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HE DEPLORED FACT THAT DUTCH BUILT FOKKER AIRCRAFT ARE BEING USED BY PORTUGUESE IN AFRICAN WARS. EMPHASIZED NETHERLANDS WILL NOT LICENSE EXPORT OF THESE AIRCRAFT FOR USE IN TERRITORIES BUT SAID HIS COUNTRY IS UNABLE TO PREVENT SALES BY OTHER PARTIES OF USED FOKKER AIRCRAFT.

6. PRONK AND PARTY DEPARTED TANZANIA FOR KENYA, THENCE NETHERLANDS.

7. COMMENT: VISIT, WHICH WAS HEAVILY PUBLICIZED, SEEMS TO HAVE SERVED PURPOSE DESIRED BY BOTH COUNTRIES. NETHERLANDS IS NOW WELL DOWN PATH FOR ASSISTING AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS. JUDGING BY PRONK'S COMMENTS, DUTCH ALSO APPEAR TO BE OUT IN FRONT OF WESTERN EUROPEANS IN BRINGING PRESSURE AGAINST PORTUGAL RE. AFRICAN TERRITORIES.
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